

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-23 have been rejected by the Examiner. Only claim 1 has been amended. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

Claims 1-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

While the Examiner has rejected all of Claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, only one section of Claim 1 has been identified in support of the rejection of each of these various claims. That language has been deleted from Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn as to each of the identified claims.

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Publication No. SU 1653730A and under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Reference No. JP8-252196. Consideration of these rejections is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

First, the undersigned appreciates the Examiner's cooperation and patience during the recent interview of November, 2004.

Claim 1 has been amended to specifically recite that ***"the air exhaust filter is positioned between the main body and the at least one of the wheels without adhering to any one of the main body and the at least one of the wheels so that the air exhaust filter is capable of being easily replaced."*** Applicant has amended

Claim 1 to, in part, capture the allowable subject matter discussed during the recent telephonic interview with the Examiner in November.

Claim 1, as amended, is distinguishable from Reference No. SU 1653730 since this reference does not disclose an air exhaust filter that is positioned between the main body and at least one of the wheels without adhering to either element. In particular, the Examiner points to Element 7, in Figure 2 of the reference, to support the conclusion that an air exhaust filter is provided at the exhaust flow passage. There is no suggestion from Figure 2 (nor the abstract associated with this reference) that the air filter meets the requirements of amended Claim 1 in that the filter must be both (1) positioned between the main body and the at least one of the wheels and (2) without adhering to either element. Reconsideration of this rejection is thus respectfully requested.

As to Japan JP8-252196, the Examiner specifically cites to Figures 2 and 6, Element 11, as teaching an air exhaust filter provided at the exhaust flow passage. As with Reference No. SU 1653730, this reference fails to meet the specific requirements of Claim 1, as amended. In particular, it appears from the abstract and the drawings that any air exhaust filter shown in Figures 1 and 2 is specifically affixed to the interior walls of the wheel, or its supporting structure. Thus, this reference also does not meet the specific structural requirements recited in Claim 1, as amended.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of both of these rejections is thus respectfully requested.

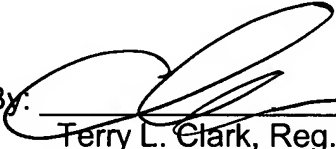
Applicant acknowledges with thanks the Examiner's indication that Claims 3-23 contain allowable subject matter if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. While the Applicant has attempted to address the Examiner's

concerns with regard to §112, second paragraph, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned should any remaining issues exist that would prevent the present application from being placed in condition for allowance.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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